

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 2, 2015**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Larry Bischoff
Lisa Derr
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: John Storck and Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judges; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Bernadette Mueller, Child Support Director; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Lt. Chad Enright, Dodge County Sheriff's Dept.; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Derr to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of June 5, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Announcements: None.

Committee Member Reports: None.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck and Sheriff Schmidt give a presentation to the Committee on the proposed Resolution coming before the County Board to change the appropriation control of the Budget from Business Unit level to Departmental level. This approach still makes the Budget transparent and controls responsibility. Judge Storck advises that he has been preparing the Court Budget for 20 years; initially with the help of Kathy Munro, but recently he has been working on the Budget alone. He explains how he is responsible for consolidating multiple units (i.e., Family Court Counseling and the Law Library) into one Department so that there would be more flexibility. Last year was the first time he learned that the actual practice for the Budget preparation is by Business Unit (BU) and not Departmental. Judge distributes a copy of the Circuit Court's Budget Report through May, 2015, for a *Budget "101"* review session and explains his interpretation of the mechanics of the Budget. He brings attention to the bottom line *General Fund* target number which he believes manages the Budget. He notes the Alcohol Court BU and explains that this year there is an unemployment compensation issue which exceeds the 10% cap and therefore, would need approval by a

2/3rds vote of the membership of the County Board. Next Judge reviews the Indigent Counselors BU and the substantial overage in that unit. Judge explains how these services are required by the Courts and because they are over the 10% amount, would technically need a 2/3rds vote by the membership. The Farm Drainage Board has an annual budget of \$2,159 and will likely go over the 10% amount once again requiring the 2/3rds vote. Judge notes that there are 33 Departments with 350+ Business Units in Dodge County that are not equally divided and many of them are small. Judge also gives examples of areas that are over their revenues and/or under the expenses budgeted. Judge notes that in the past, by the end of the year, things have "worked out"; now budgets are tighter. Per the proposed Resolution, Departments will still be responsible to inform the Finance Committee and the County Administrator per the Control Policy. Judge describes how the Statutes require a level of control. Sheriff Schmidt states that he is not aware of any other counties in Wisconsin that Budget at the BU level; they work on a Departmental level or higher. Judge Sciascia comments that reports are generated monthly and provide the level of transparency required. Lisa Derr indicates that she believes the County is losing money through efficiency. Judge Storck explains how the business unit level was started. Sheriff Schmidt explains the canine business unit. The Sheriff indicates that no action is needed by this Committee today, they just wanted to explain the proposed Resolution before the presentation to the County Board and if anyone has any questions, they are encouraged to contact him.

Regarding the security project in the Courthouse, Judge Storck indicates that there is a meeting on Tuesday with Mead & Hunt. Judge thought that they would have the numbers by now, however, that has not happened yet but they expect the numbers at the next meeting. He advises that at an August 3rd meeting they hope to determinate priorities and he also hopes to schedule a Security Meeting before the August 3rd meeting date.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller has no report.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron indicates that she joins in the proposed Resolution. Hron advises that they have been doing criminal e.filing for 2-3 weeks through the criminal interface. There have been some issues with CCAP, but they are working through them.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg and Bob Barrington advise the Committee that e.filing is underway. They describe the enhancements of e.filing such as the fact that all documents are signed by the issuing agency and transferred securely without the need for the Officers to travel to Juneau, the DA's office is free from scanning, and the system is interactive with Law Enforcement. They explain the huge cost savings for the DA's office and the law enforcement agencies. There are some glitches but they are working through them.

Judge Storck explains how he recently went before the Supreme Court and spoke in favor of mandatory e.filing; unfortunately, that did not pass.

Kurt Klomberg expresses his disappointment that the mandatory e.filing did not pass. He also indicates that 3,500 cases have been e.filed in Dodge County. Lynn Hron comments.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel advises that he will have his six month report for the Committee's review at the next Law Enforcement meeting. He indicates that the autopsies are about the same as they were last year at this time, but the number of cases is up. Schoebel states that there have been no issues since changing the fees; everything has gone smoothly. Schoebel explains how the Medical Examiner makes the decision as to whether or not an autopsy is done; it is at the Medical Examiner's discretion.

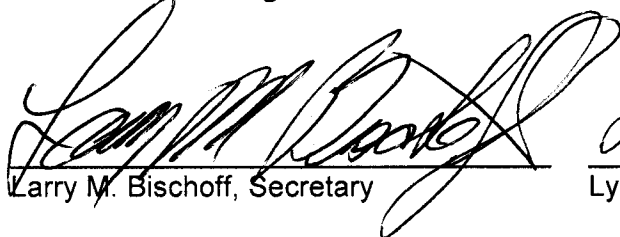
Sheriff's Department Report: Scott Smith reports that there are two new patrol officers and a pending retirement. A list of promotions has been requested and there are several openings in Corrections. Pending at this time is a program for Law Enforcement policies from Lexipol which has been started. This involves making policies for law enforcement standardized in the State. It will take at least a year to adapt and develop these policies. They will start with Patrol and end with Corrections. Smith informs that they are meeting with Maas Brothers to work on finalizing the bid conditions for the impound building project. The goal is to be 100% done by winter. They are very happy with Maas Brothers. Smith advises that the contracted detainees housed at DCDF is down at this time. Smith informs that they replaced the Registered Nurse this week and that the standards by the Federal partners changes continually. Mental health coverage in the Jail has been becoming more and more of an issue as people with significant mental health issues have been placed in the jail facility; that type of coverage adds hours. Smith believes they can manage this increase within the Budget but are looking at a significant increase for the RN next year. DA Klomberg notes that officers are intervening in mental health crises and the default placement is jail. Regarding Records Management, Smith indicates that they have sight visits for three vendors; this is an ongoing process.

Informational Presentation: Lt. Chad Enright updates the Committee on the K-9 Unit and the changes that have been made with the two canine teams. He explains that the program started in 2011 and how it has progressed since then. Enright notes that area veterinarians cover the healthcare and healthcare costs for the dogs and that they take very good care of them.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 7, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Lynn M. Steger, Recording Secretary